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104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 529

**[Report No. 104-55]**

To authorize the exchange of National Forest System lands in the Targhee National Forest in Idaho for non-Federal lands within the forest in Wyoming.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 1995

Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

FEBRUARY 27, 1995

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 17, 1995]

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF EXCHANGE.**

2 (a) *CONVEYANCE.*—Notwithstanding the requirements  
3 in the Act entitled “An Act to Consolidate National Forest  
4 Lands”, approved March 20, 1922 (16 U.S.C. 485), and  
5 section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
6 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)) that Federal and non-Fed-  
7 eral lands exchanged for each other must be located within  
8 the same State, the Secretary of Agriculture may convey  
9 the Federal lands described in section 2(a) in exchange for  
10 the non-Federal lands described in section 2(b) in accord-  
11 ance with the provisions of this Act.

12 (b) *APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.*—  
13 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the land exchange  
14 authorized by this section shall be made under the existing  
15 authorities of the Secretary.

16 (c) *ACCEPTABILITY OF TITLE AND MANNER OF CON-*  
17 *VEYANCE.*—The Secretary shall not carry out the exchange  
18 described in subsection (a) unless the title to the non-Fed-  
19 eral lands to be conveyed to the United States, and the form  
20 and procedures of conveyance, are acceptable to the Sec-  
21 retary.

22 **SEC. 2. DESCRIPTION OF LANDS TO BE EXCHANGED.**

23 (a) *FEDERAL LANDS.*—The Federal lands referred to  
24 in this Act are located in the Targhee National Forest in  
25 Idaho, are generally depicted on the map entitled “Targhee  
26 Exchange, Idaho-Wyoming—Proposed, Federal Land”,

1 *dated September 1994, and are known as the North Fork*  
2 *Tract.*

3 *(b) NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—The non-Federal lands re-*  
4 *ferred to in this Act are located in the Targhee National*  
5 *Forest in Wyoming, are generally depicted on the map enti-*  
6 *tled “Non-Federal Land, Targhee Exchange, Idaho-Wyo-*  
7 *ming—Proposed”, dated September 1994, and are known*  
8 *as the Squirrel Meadows Tract.*

9 *(c) MAPS.—The maps referred to in subsections (a)*  
10 *and (b) shall be on file and available for inspection in the*  
11 *office of the Targhee National Forest in Idaho and in the*  
12 *office of the Chief of the Forest Service.*

13 **SEC. 3. EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.**

14 *Prior to the exchange authorized by section 1, the val-*  
15 *ues of the Federal and non-Federal lands to be so exchanged*  
16 *shall be established by appraisals of fair market value that*  
17 *shall be subject to approval by the Secretary. The values*  
18 *either shall be equal or shall be equalized using the following*  
19 *methods:*

20 *(1) ADJUSTMENT OF LANDS.—*

21 *(A) PORTION OF FEDERAL LANDS.—If the*  
22 *Federal lands are greater in value than the non-*  
23 *Federal lands, the Secretary shall reduce the*  
24 *acreage of the Federal lands until the values of*

1        *the Federal lands closely approximate the values*  
2        *of the non-Federal lands.*

3                (B)        *ADDITIONAL        FEDERALLY-OWNED*  
4        *LANDS.—If the non-Federal lands are greater in*  
5        *value than the Federal lands, the Secretary may*  
6        *convey additional federally owned lands within*  
7        *the Targhee National Forest up to an amount*  
8        *necessary to equalize the values of the non-Fed-*  
9        *eral lands and the lands to be transferred out of*  
10       *Federal ownership. However, such additional*  
11       *federally owned lands shall be limited to those*  
12       *meeting the criteria for land exchanges specified*  
13       *in the Targhee National Forest Land and Re-*  
14       *source Management Plan.*

15                (2) *PAYMENT OF MONEY.—The values may be*  
16        *equalized by the payment of money as provided in*  
17        *section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Man-*  
18        *agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)).*

19        **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

20        *For purposes of this Act:*

21                (1) *The term “Federal lands” means the Federal*  
22        *lands described in section 2(a).*

23                (2) *The term “non-Federal lands” means the*  
24        *non-Federal lands described in section 2(b).*

- 1           (3) *The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*
- 2           *Agriculture.*

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